

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1714 - SB 1966

March 9, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Eliminates reimbursement for airline tickets for members of the General Assembly to travel to any meeting within the state. Prohibits reimbursement of more than one airline ticket for out of state travel per member per calendar year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Decrease State Expenditures - \$6,900/FY10-11
\$30,900/FY11-12 and
Subsequent Years**

Assumptions:

- According to the Office of Legislative Administration, the average expenditures for travel inside the state via airline are estimated to be \$12,223 per year over the past four years (\$11,049 - 2005, \$13,120 - 2006, \$11,369 - 2007, \$13,354 - 2008). These same trips translated into mileage reimbursement would have an average cost of \$5,302.25 per year (\$4,824 - 2005, \$4,899 - 2006, \$7,790 - 2007, \$3,696 - 2008).
- Total decrease in state expenditures for in-state travel is estimated to be \$6,920.75 (\$12,223 - \$5,302.25).
- According to the Office of Legislative Administration, in FY07-08, five Senators took more than one out-of-state trip. Twelve additional trips were taken at a cost of \$24,000 (12 trips x \$2,000 per trip). The Speaker of the House has, in the past, limited Representatives to one fully reimbursed trip per year. Therefore, there are no additional out-of-state expenditures for travel in the House of Representatives.
- No savings for out-of-state travel for FY10-11 since most Senate and House out-of-state travel occurs between the months of July and December.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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